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SUBJECT: EC/COMECON RELATIONS: NEXT STEP UP TO THE EAST

REF: A) EC BRUSSELS 6008 (NOTAL); B) MOSCOW 15821 (NOTAL)

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1. DURING THE FEBRUARY SESSION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IN STRASBOURG, THE SUBJECT OF COOPERATION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE EC AND EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WAS DEBATED. (SEE EC A-477 OF DECEMBER 27, 1973, FOR THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS ON THESE AGREEMENTS). DURING THE DEBATE, SEVERAL MEMBERS REFERRED TO THE APPROACH MADE LAST FALL IN COPENHAGEN BY CEMA SECRETARY GENERAL FADEYEV TO THE DANES (WHO WERE THEN IN THE EC COUNCIL CHAIR) REGARDING EC-COMECON (CEMA) CONTACTS.

2. DURING THE PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE, COMMISSIONER DAHRENDORF, SUBSTITUTING FOR COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SOAMES WHO WAS IN WASHINGTON FOR THE ENERGY CONFERENCE REPLIED TO QUESTIONS ON THE PRESENT STATUS OF FADEYEV'S APPROACH. DAHRENDORF SAID THE COMMUNITY HAD MADE IT CLEAR TO FADEYEV THAT THE INITIATIVE FOR FURTHER STEPS WAS UP TO COMECON AND THAT THE COMMISSION IS THE PROPER ADDRESSEE FOR ANY SUCH INITIATIVES. (ON FEBRUARY 12, RESPONDING TO A PRESS QUERY IN BRUSSELS, THE COMMISSION'S SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS INCORRECT, AS FADEYEV HAD REPORTEDLY STATED AT A RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE, THAT HE HAD NOT RECEIVED A REPLY FROM THE COMMUNITY. THE DANISH AMBASSADOR HAD HANDED A NOTE VERBALE TO FADEYEV IN SEPTEMBER 1973 INDICATING THAT IF COMECON WANTED TO APPROACH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IT SHOULD DO SO THROUGH THE EC COMMISSION.)

3. THE TEXT OF DAHRENDORF'S STATEMENT IN THE PARLIAMENT (UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION) WAS AS FOLLOWS: "THE QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED ABOUT THE PRESENT STATE OF OUR RELATIONS WITH COMECON. IN THAT CONNECTION, THERE HAVE BEEN SOME STATEMENTS IN RECENT DAYS, BUT FOLLOWING THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF COMECON HAD WITH THE THEN PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL LAST YEAR, IT WAS COMPLETELY CLEAR THAT THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES IS THE ADDRESSEE FOR COMECON. THIS ADDRESSEE IS LOCATED IN BRUSSELS AT A WELL-KNOWN ADDRESS AND THIS ADDRESSEE HAS TO DATE RECEIVED NO COMMUNICATION. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MADE A WRITTEN REPLY IN THIS SENSE (TO THE PARLIAMENT) ON NOVEMBER 27 LAST YEAR. THERE CAN THEREFORE BE NO MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE STATUS OF DEVELOPMENTS AND IT IS NOT THE CASE THAT ANYONE HAS ANY REASON TO WAIT FOR AN ANSWER FROM THE COMMISSION TO SOMETHING WHICH HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED."

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